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1. Prior to mid-October 1954, the Potsdam motor transport **officers'** school was located at 27 Stalin Allee, formerly Berliner Strasse. In 1952, the school had been located in Apollensdorf and, after about 1 May 1953, in Halle; it moved from Halle to Potsdam in the fall of 1953. The official designation of the school was "Office No 6 1595". 1
2. In mid-October 1954, the school was organized into a **headquarters unit** and three companies. The trainees numbered about 350 men. Every training course lasted three years. Officers of the school included Colonel Fleissner (fnu), commanding officer, and Major Marker (fnu), political officer. The training course terminated with a so-called state examination on 7 October 1954. After a two weeks' leave, the graduates returned to the school in order to learn the results of the examinations. All of them had passed the examination and were discharged as junior lieutenants prior to 31 October. Most were reassigned to an office in Strausberg. The others were dispatched to Eggesin, Hohenstuecken, Pasewalk, Berlin-Adlershof and Berlin-Treptow. 2, 3
3. Most soldiers of the cadre personnel of the school were given leave from 23 October to 8 November 1954. After their return, all new trainees had arrived. On 8 November, the ration strength was 367 trainees. Organization and strength of the new training class was exactly the same as the preceding one. 2
4. Sixty officers whose arrival had been expected since 15 November failed to arrive prior to 20 November. It was allegedly planned to attach one additional training company each to the 1st and the 2d Co to train these officers. The objectives of officers' training were allegedly:
 - a. Instruction in the railroad transportation system for very talented officers;
 - b. Training for the position of a "regimental technical officer";
 - c. Improvement of theoretical knowledge. 4

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5. On 2 October, 19 NCOs of the school cadre who had served for three years were discharged. Full replacements arrived in the course of October.
6. Soviet advisers known on 20 November included Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel Volkov (phonetic spelling) (fnu), chief adviser, and Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel Davidok (phonetic spelling) (fnu), adviser to the political officer.
7. The trainees wore epaulets which had NCOs' braids, two silver crossbars and the letter A.
8. On 4 November and 12 November, the Husaren Kaserne in Potsdam quartered an estimated 200 men. According to a KVP officer, 80 high school graduates who were recently reassigned to field units were replaced by 80 new officer candidates, all of whom were high school graduates. On 4 November, one platoon was observed at physical training, another at drill with rifles, and a third at bayonet training. From 12 to 17 November, training was held mainly in the former riding halls. On 12 November, the men of a platoon who carried rifles and field packs climbed up a four-story wooden dummy house. 5
9. During a visit to the KVP school on Rebel Strasse in Dresden (former Luftgaskommando) on 20 September, about 500 to 600 officers of ranks above captain who wore gray green fatigue uniforms were observed receiving instruction in the yards between the individual buildings from 1000 to 1030. At about 1040, about 8 trucks which were occupied by officers with dispatch cases and binoculars entered the installation. 6
10. On the occasion of a visit to office No 137 R on Ludwig Feuerbach Strasse in Forgem on 8 October, Captain Kioffel (fnu) was identified as supply chief who was subordinate to the billeting office at 8 Olbricht Strasse in Leipzig 22 which was headed by Major Bergmann (fnu). Members of the staff of office No 137 R wore red-bordered black collar patches.
11. On 14 November, the installation on Junkers in Dessau quartered an estimated 600 KVPs. Since about 4 November, enlisted men and some officers who wore pink collar patches had also been observed at this site. It was determined that the green collar patches which had also been observed previously were worn by members of the border police. Most soldiers still wore blue-bordered black collar patches. The entire training ground at Sieglitzer Berg (hill) was still cordoned off by KVP sentries. 7
12. On 16 November, the installation on Kl. Kuehnauer Strasse in Dessau only quartered about 100 men. On the same date, two junior lieutenants who wore light-blue collar patches were observed at the site. The occupation of the installation was still unchanged. On 15 October 1954, the course of instruction was terminated. The graduates were given two weeks leave, after which they were dispatched to their new stations. Some of the civilian employees were dismissed. 8

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13. On 19 October, a number of KVP soldiers and officers who carried suitcases and other luggage and allegedly departed for their leave destinations were observed at the Bernau railroad station.
14. During short-term observations on 11, 13 and 17 November, no activity was observed in the area of Oranienburg Castle. About 6 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the western section of the installation. Soldiers observed at the site wore red-bordered black collar patches.

1. Comment. The moves are known. No 1595 is the former code number of the school which was used in Halle. In mid-February 1954, a deserter mentioned No 1953. Another designation of the school is Dienststelle Potsdam (VI). 25X1
2. Comment. The present report agrees with previous information. In April 1954, one Captain Grimm (fnu) was still political officer. At that time, the actual strength of the school was as indicated below: cadre personnel: 68 officers and 38 NCOs and EM; 1st training year: 151 men; 2d training year: 121 men; 3d training year: 91 men. 25X1
3. Comment. It is believed that the subject units are Truck Regiment Eggersdorf, Mechanized Division Eggesin, Mechanized Regiment Hohenstuecken, Armeegruppe Nord Headquarters with AAA regiment and signal battalion in Pasewalk, Sedan Battalion Adlershof, and Political Officer School Treptow. 25X1
4. Comment. Instruction scheduled in the railroad transportation system deserves special interest. In 1953 and 1954, training courses for officers who were not graduates of officer candidate schools were reported from other schools such as the Oranienburg AAA officer school. 25X1
5. Comment. The occupation of 200 men as indicated in the present report is essentially underestimated. Since, in April 1954, the graduating class included 91 men, the number of 80 discharges indicated in the present report is approximately correct. 25X1
6. Comment. The subject school is the war college. 25X1
7. Comment. The presence of members of the border guard at the engineer officer school has been confirmed and it is believed that the officers and enlisted men who wear pink collar patches belong to Sfs units quartered in barracks. 25X1
Sfs Guard Regiment Adlershof has an engineer platoon and an engineer company.


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 Comment. It is noted that the number of men quartered in this installation is fairly low, while at other schools the new trainees had arrived and the furlough period had been concluded in mid-November. In connection with the appearance of two VP-Luft (air force) officers and the dismissal of civilian employees, it is pointed out that, according to previous information, it was planned to turn over this installation to the VP-Luft. There are no other indications of an intended move of the platoon and company leaders' school.

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